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In Re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1815
PAUL A. LUCIW, ET AL.)) Evention M. Weedward
Serial No. 08/089,407) Examiner: M. Woodward)
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For:

HIV IMMUNOASSAYS USING SYNTHETIC ENVELOPE POLYPEPTIDES (AS AMENDED)

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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This amendment is in response to the Office Action, mailed May 28, 1997, for which a response is due to be filed November 28, 1997 by virtue of the concurrently filed petition for a three (3) month extension of time. Please charge Deposit Account 03-1664 for any additional fee necessary to reconsider this application.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 60 as follows:

60. (Four Times Amended) In an immunoassay to detect the presence of antibodies to a human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in a human sample comprising contacting said sample with an envelope (env) antigen comprising an [immunogenic] amino acid sequence from the